Experiences of Women Workers in House to House Tour of Picturesquely Cosmopolitan Section

NATIONAL movement like the erved through a telescope or a microscope. The latter instrument will be employed in the following account of the methods pursued during the past eight months by a little band of women who have made a house to house and man to man canvass of the Twelfth Assembly district of Manhattan to determine, if possible, the watchful walting.

The geographical boundaries of the Twelfth district, its polyglot populaion and its political importance arising from the fact that both Tammany Hall and the residence of the leader thereof, Charles F. Murphy, are situ- representative of THE SUN as folated in it, combine to give to a canvass of its voters on any live issue a political leaders in San Francisco, Chicago and Washington.

The registered voters of the Twelfth six thousand. The district is, of The Republicans, Progressives, Sulzerrepresented at the polls in numbers that fluctuate with the times, but their votes are merely side Issues. Roughly speaking, the district runs from Third and from Tenth street on the south to Twenty-fourth street on the north. Its population is picturesquely cosmo-

cosm from which the history of Europe for the past century receives illustration. A few old American familles of colonial origin still maintain a foothold in the district, but for the based upon ancestral achievements in E. Canton and Miss Phœbe Hoag.

possesses for the ethnologist.

agitation in behalf of votes for women exhibits interesting features whether it is obnumerical strength of voters favorable to the suffrage amendment of voters opposed to it, and of voters still maintaining toward the issue ar attitude of

ourse, overwhelmingly Democratic. tes. Socialists and other parties are

early American struggles. The Irish emigration to America two

in Germany in 1848. Italians, Hun- ago there came to New York Mrs. O. garians, Russians, Lithuanians, Ruthe-nians, Galicians and other foreign ele-kins of Little Rock. Mrs. Ellington is ments in the melting pot of the Twelfth | president of the Arkansas Equal Franadd to the attractions that the district | chise Society. She and Miss Watkins Into this polychromatic mass of old of the Woman Suffrage party of the and new Americans some months Empire State and, after investigation, ago Mrs. Florence Howe Hall, leader came to the conclusion that the canfor the Twelfth Assembly district of vass being made of the Twelfth dis- cided; one opposed; ten out; eight The suffrage canvasser who has been Woman Suffrage party, plunged trict by Mrs. Hall and her coworkers moved." her little group of professional and volunteer canvassers in the effort to obtain enlightening statistics on the little group of professional and volunteer canvassers in the effort to obtain enlightening statistics on the campaign that presented itself to bors for the most part in pairs, an ously unacquainted is yet to be found. They therefore took elderly woman accompanying a young-

Twelfth. Mrs. Hall is an enthusiastic

Hymn of the Republic.' Mrs. William M. Jackson, who has taken a prominent part in the councils of the suffragists of the Twelfth, remembers the early efforts of the woman's rights leaders to get a foothold in New York. She writes to the

vass of its voters on any live Issue a Quaker dress and bonnet, was one of significance that is not merely local. Quaker dress and bonnet, was one of the vice-presidents at the first suffrage What the majority of the electors in meeting held in New York city, at the Twelfth Assembly district of New York county think about any subject My mother was an ardent suffragist. of national importance is of interest to street meeting in upper Broadway Mr. Jackson, my husband, my son and myself spoke the same evening.

district number something more than | meetings of my girlhood, when our speakers were received with hoots, catcalls, or worse, and the gatherings now taking place in this city is astonishing. Suffrage oratory has evolved from a cry in the darkness to a voice of command that thrills the noonday."

Among the others who have devoted their time and ability to the canvass of the district are Mrs. Robert N. Brace, wife of the secretary of the Children's Aid Society; Miss Emily Preston, Mrs. M. G. Starrett, college settlement worker; Mrs. J. Frederick Gillette, Mrs, Edward S. Van Zile, wife the suffrage canvass of the Tweifth Deutsch, Mrs. William Schieffelin, Mrs. professional assistance. R. E. Schirmer, Mrs. Helen G. H. Noyes, a pioneer in artistic bookbindmost part the voters could not qualify Noyes, a pioneer in artistic bookbind-as members of Colonial or Revolution- ing: Miss M. Hannan, Mrs. Frances

The above mentioned women are residents of the Twelfth. They have generations ago has left a strong im- had in their work assistance from sevprint upon the district, as has the eral enthusiastic suffragists from other German influx following the upheaval States. From Arkansas some months were desirous of studying the methods

and inspiring leader, and inherits those qualities from her immediate progenitors. She is a daughter of Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Mrs. F. H. Hall. Mrs. R. N. Brace. Mrs. E. B. Hickey. Mrs. J. F. Gillette. "My grandmother, who wore the Mrs. W. M. Jackson. "The contrast between the suffrage

Miss Phœbe Hoag

kansas. speeches in the district during the summer and fall. Among other workers in the Twelfth from afar has been Mrs. Margaret Clarke of Chicago.

It will be seen by the above tha of the author; Mrs. John Hickey, has been accomplished almost wholly the former actress Emma Forsythe; by volunteer workers. Less than \$15 Dr. A. S. Daniel, Mrs. William F. bas been accomplished almost wholly Dr. A. S. Daniel, Mrs. William F. bas been accomplished almost wholly by volunteer workers. Less than \$15 has been expended in the district for Beginning last March the suffragists

of the Twelfth completed their work ary societies, admission to which is Gest, Miss Claudia Cranston, Mrs. M. as canvassers in October. Over 3,000 names were canvassed during the working class it was necessary for the canvassers to pursue their occupation during the early hours of the evening That the reader may the better understand what follows, the subjoined report made by a canvasser of an eveport made by a canvasser of an evening's work, taken at random from even fascinating. The fact remains thousands of the kind, will be useful:

favor of woman suffrage; four unde-

and foes of the suffrage amendment workers has been invaluable. Mrs. and often their experiences were far in it. It revealed the fact that in this November 2, it still seems apparent to among the registered voters of the Florence Brown Cotnam, also of Ar- from agreeable, but it is the unanimous part of New York, as in many others.

Miss Gertrude Watkins. Mrs. O. F. Ellington. hottest September this city has known this work that the average East Sider, are lost to sight the next, die, disapin a generation. As the voters of the man or woman, is habitually courteous Twelfth are for the most part of the and usually intelligent and reasonable. It is the unanimous testimony of the women who engaged in the suffrage canvassing that the hospitality freely offered by the poor to per patetic strangers springs from a genuine

that the homes of the poor, when invaded by outsiders, are more likely to "Thirty names on list. Seven in display the virtues of courtesy and hospitality than those of the rich asked to dine at the table of a multisubject of votes for women and an approximate tabulation of the friends trict and their assistance to the native tion. Their task was not an easy one ciclogical lines to those who took part ment will change their minds before

of those who engaged in | men come and go, vote one year and pear, are sent to hospitals, asylums or prisons or fail to register from sheer negligence. The history of the 6,000 voters of the Twelfth for any one year is the story in miniature of the race at large, with its comedies and tragedies. its exhibitions of success and failure. its demonstration of the inexorable workings of the law of the survival of the fittest. The practical outcome of the work

from which advocates of the amendment derive the hope that the district

Mrs. M. E. Canton.

of woman suffrage. If it does, it is opposed.
only fair to say that the result will When the President first began to The canvass has also convinced the had not made a thorough study of • • • We may well hope that it politicians of a district that is well it; but later he said this himself. The will be postponed as long as feasible!" acquainted with the manutize of electoral methods that women may possess idency made woman suffrage a naexecutive ability, and the patience and tional issue for the first time, as Kaneleverness necessary to wresting from sas, Arizona and Oregon followed the tion." The National and State sufthe voting masses the secrets that the example of California the preceding frage associations have from the bemale leaders know are of the utmost year and gave the vote to women, practical value in forecasting political and the entire country sat up and position, but at this critical moment in

President Wilson's

By IDA HUSTED HARPER. Wilson that he should vote for and he involuntarily nodded. the woman suffrage amendaccomplished by the suffrage canvas- surprise to the leaders of the movesers of the Twelfth is a table of figures ment. It may be remembered that

Tabulated Returns of 6.000 Registered Voters Shows Substantial Majority in Favor of the Cause

To the second delegation he said he could not recognize their claim be-cause it was not in the Democratic the country at once pointed out the inconsistency of various acts of nic

To the third delegation he said it was his strong belief that the suffrage was a matter for State and not Federal action. It was strikingly evident that he was studying the question. After the election last fall Miss Anne Martin was introduced to Mr. Wilson by Senator Newlands as the president of the Nevada Suffrage Association, and he said cordially: "I am glad you carried your State. I want to see it come that way.

Mrs. Edward S. Van Zile.

president, protested against the send-

ng of any more delegations to him,

of the announcement.

European war

and this was because she felt sure it was unnecessary. The leaders of He had arrived. In the spring it was the present campaigns in New York and New Jersey have had no uncermade known to a very few that he would support the amendment in New tainty except as to the exact date Jersey.

President Wilson has become an ad-It is the greatest of mistakes to vocate of woman suffrage because of a assume that Mr. Wilson has been "dogged and pestered" into taking this position. An who understand his knowledge of its practical working in the Western States; because of the large number of women who are strivcharacter know that action of that kind would be much more likely to have just the opposite effect. His present attitude is the result simply and solely of a strady evolution of opinion. He reaches his conclusions character know that action of that | opinion. He reaches his conclusions forces of evil which he fought during on all matters through a careful process of thinking, reasoning and afterward, led by the political "boss." his administration as Governor and balancing. He sees clearly, is not whom he considers a menace to good easily deceived and does not allow government. He is perfectly sincere himself to be governed by prejudice. when he says:
"I intend to vote for woman suffrage While he was Governor of New Jer-

sey and when he became President in New Jersey because I believe the he did not believe in the enfranchise- time has come to extend that private ment of women. This was the nat-ural result of his environment, as he was born in the South and had spent his mature years as president of a by the change."

This declaration by the President of a by the change of the president of

vative town. The movement for it the United States will be welcomed by in New Jersey was small, Mrs. Wilson was not in favor of woman suffrage and most of the women in former President Taft a few were a ago in the Philadelphia Saturday Exening Post: "The immediate enfranchisement of women will increase the probe largely due to the direct and indi-rect influence of the canvass that the severely censured by the "antis" for the electorate to such a degree that it above mentioned women have made. saying in an article that he evidently will be injurious to the public welfare that it had not made a thorough study of • • • We may well hope that it

"This great question," says Mr. Wil-son in announcing his vote, "should in no consideration be made a party questook notice.

Almost the very first delegation New York the official head of the Re-publican party, Mr. Taft, and three of members of recent President Wilson received was one of the strongest suffragists and I was a member of it. Republican Cabinets - ex-Secretaries His attitude was that of amused cu- Root, Stimson and Wickersham-are Stand on Suffrage riosity, and when we said the strong- publicly opposing the amendment. Six est appeal we could make was that of President Wilson's Cabinet have dehe would apply his book, "The New clared in favor of woman suffrage to THE announcement of President Freedom," to women his eyes twinkled whom should be added Mr. Bryan, forind he involuntarily nodded. | mer Secretary of State; also Vice-From then until he became im- President Marshall and Speaker of the ment in New Jersey is not a mersed in the serious problems of the House Champ Clark. None of these is Mr. Wilson gave a new convert except Mr. Marshall more time, attention and courtesy to so they were not influenced by Mr. the advocates of woman suffrage than Wilson. It seems to be time for the last spring Dr. Anna Shaw, national had all other Presidents combined. Republican leaders to get busy!

Hirschfield, Matilde Steinfeld, Veilweiler, Tilly Meyer and Madeline Wolfsheim, Messrs, George Toplitz, M. Bernard Scheyer, Monroe C. Lawrence, Abraham Peyser, Mylton Spiro, Benjamin Kohn, Charles Frederick Werner

At the first regular meeting of the New York Theatre Club, which filled the small ballroom of the Astor last Tuesday, the following delegates to the y Federation Convention on October were elected: Mrs. Belle de Rivera, s. Thomas : Slack and Mrs. Paula en. The alternates selected were Mrs. Daniel P. Hayes, Mrs. Ritterband belegates elected to the State conven-

n at Syracuse, November 9, were Mrs.
Rivera, Mrs. Daniel Duffie and Mrs.
arles Rosenfeid. The newly elected officers are: Presi-

dent, Mrs. de Rivera; vice-presidents Mrs. Harry Hastings, Mrs. Sara M. Fos-Mrs. Gordon Ritchie and Mrs. Louis Smith; corresponding secretary Mrs. Frances Abrahal; historian, Miss Edith Reiffert; auditor, Miss Jeannette B. Ed. The chairmen of standing committees are: Reception, Mrs. Simon Baruch and Mrs. W. J. de Rivera; programme, Mrs. Louis Ralston; theatre tekers, Mrs. D. M. Tracy; membership, Mrs. George Howes; printing, Mrs. N. P. Samana, Mrs. Mrs. Daby Boss, Mrs. N. press, Miss Ruby Rees, and rs. Henderson.

card club, organized by Mrs. George Harold Wood, will be held to-morrow afternoon at the Hotel Astor. The club will meet on the first and third Monday of each month until April 17. In addi-tion to the regular meetings there will be a dance at the Plaza in January and a breakfast early in April. A new fea-bure in the club is a junior membership, with Miss Marjorie Knight as chairman nd Miss Helen Slosson assistant chair-

The governing board of the club is imposed of Mrs. James A. Gormley, rs. J. John O'Leary, Mrs. Joseph F. night, Mrs. William H. McCormack, rs. Charles E. Orr, Mrs. Henry Schlickan, Mrs. B. Southwick, Mrs. Charles K.

Under the auspices of the ways and means committee of Athen Club a series of card parties with be given this season. The first will be on October 28, at the home of the president, Mrs. Katherine A. Martin, 207 West Fifty-sixth street. It will be in charge of Mrs. George A. Brand of 129 West 123d street, from whom tickets may be obtained. There will be a handsome prize for each table.

Mrs. William B. Joyce, Mrs. Charles Conrad Steffel, Miss Eleanor Gates, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. John Sage, Mrs. Nathaniel the day.

The first is season. The first will be among the speakers at the luncheon to be given at the Hotel Biltmore on November 10 by the Emanu-El Sisterhood. The

Mrs. Wendel C. Phillips will give a Mrs. Wender C. Philips will give a programme. The programme of the property of the members and patronesses of and will entertain parties are Mrs. the new assembly dances of which she is the organizer. The first dance will be held on December 3, and will be followed by others on December 27, January 21 and February 28, and the patuary 21 and February 28, and the patronesses in addition to Mrs. Phillips are Mrs. Charles Louis Sicard, Mrs. Martin

J. Quinn, Mrs. George Carson Smith, Mrs. Charles E. Mitchell, Mrs. George Augustus Bicknell, Mrs. Richard Wayland-Smith, Mrs. Franklin P. Duryea, Mrs. William Keith Mittendorf, Mrs. Frank Briggs Carpenter, Mrs. William H. McIntyre, Mrs. Isaac Bell Brennan Mrs. A. B. Cook, Mrs. Charles Cornell Reid, Mrs. George R. Branson, Mrs. Clifford Monroe De Mott, Mrs. Fenton Benedict Turck, and Mrs. Philip Sidney

On the reception committee are Mrs. On the reception committee are Mrs. Austin Norman Palmer president, opened its season on Tuesday with a most inchessman, assistant chairman, and teresting and instructive programme. Joseph F. Knight, chairman; Mrs. Otis S. Chessman, assistant chairman, and Mrs. Amos T. Hill, Mrs. J. J. Hayes, Mrs. H. Lavery, Mrs. R. W. Hopf and Mrs. H. Lavery, Mrs. R. W. Hopf and Mrs. James Woodward, Mrs. Henry Schellers Woodward, Mrs. H. Sigler, Mrs. J. H. Sigler, Mrs. J. W. Loeb discussed current events and afterward there was a trial of a will case. Mrs. Belle de Rivera, the chairman of the day, was the attorney for the contestants; Mrs. Jean Norris, J. H. Bainton, Mrs. J. V. Skogland and Mrs. George Elless
The patronesses of the club include was, Charles Kohler, Mrs. William Ormond, Mrs. J. Hayes, Mrs. O. S. Chessman, Mrs. Edward O. A. Glockner, Mrs. Howcellan Wade, Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Paula Allen, Mrs. N. P. Andrus, Mrs. B. V. Lawrence, Mrs. H. G. Hart and Mrs. Mary Allaire, witnesses, and Mrs. Howard MacNutt, foreman of the jury.

at the Hotel Biltmore on November 10 by the Emanu-El Sisterhood. The luncheon will be followed by a musical

Mrs. Julius Beer, Mrs. Isaac Gimbel, Mrs. Jacob Werrheim, Mrs. Sidney Borg. Mrs. Julius Kugelman, Mrs. J. B. Greenhut, Mrs. Milton Goldsmith, Mrs. S. Wertheim, Mrs. Leonard Shoenfeld, Mrs. Sophie Runaer, Mrs. Ralph Shain-wald, Mrs. Samuel Floersheimer, Mrs. B. J. Greenhut and Mrs. Henry Meyers.

A series of bridge and euchre parties will be given this winter at the Hotel Marseilles, Broadway and 103d street, for the benefit of the Leyal Workers. Mrs. Boyd L. Delbridge president. They will begin on Tuesday and the proceeds from them will be devoted to the char-

from them will be devoted to the charity-work of the organization.

A bridge and euchre will be given by
Eclectic Club on November 16 at Duryea's on West Seventy-second street,
Mrs. Robert Hamilton Rucker of 27
West Sixty-seventh street, will be in
charge.

Mrs. James Daniel Mortimer, president of Beethoven Society, will entertain the members of the board at lunchecon to-morrow at her home on West
End avenue. It will be followed by a
business meeting.

The Society for Political Study, Mrs.
Austin Norman Palmer president, opened
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Mrs. Robert Hamilton Rucker of 27
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uary 21, February 11 and March 10.

BROOKLYN SOCIAL NOTES.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Helen Ingersoil Cram to Harold Brewster Bretz, son of Mrs. George Brewster Bretz of 276 Garfield place. The ceremony is to take place Monday evening, November 1, in the Episcopal Church at Newtonville, Mass. The Rev. Dr. C. Campbell Walker of St. Am's Church on the Heights is to officiate, assisted by the Rev. Richard T. Loring. Because of the death last summer of the bride's mother only relatives and a few old family friends have been asked to the reception, which will be held at 369 Calout street.

Miss Cram will be given in marriage

will be held at 369 Cabot street.

Miss Cram will be given in marriage by her brother, Robert V. Cram, in whose name the cards have been issued. Her attendants are to be Miss Margaret Bretz, the bridegroom's sister, and Miss Ruth Anderson of Boston. Mr. Bretz was graduated from Yale in 1910 and a member of his class Nalson.

to the wedding.

Schaffmeyer, music; Mrs. Helen Wells, of the Incarnation. On Wednesday discussion and study; Mrs. George M. afternoon Miss Anita Livingston Lott, Clyde, reception; Mrs. Herman Schuits, daughter of Mrs. Jeremiah Lott, will beways and means; Mrs. Oliver C. Fields, come the bride of Russell V. Cruik-Church of the Holy Trinity on the Heights will be the scene Friday eve-ning of the wedding of Miss Juliet Morris Kalley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Draper Kalley, to Arthur Turner Soule of Manhattan. The wedding of Miss Louise Adams

gagement was announced last week. to take place Saturday evening, No-vember 27, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Russell Adams, 1327 Pacific street. Mr. Hutch-The first of the Mid-Winter dances for this season will be held on December 10 at the Hotel Ansonia, where the other dances in the series will be held on Janvary 21 February 11 and March 10 several years past has made his home in Brooklyn, where he and his bride will continue to live.

Of interest to this borough will be NVITATIONS are out for the wed-

